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U.S. Agrees to Consider Tregaron for Russians

The Russians want Tregaron for their embassy site, and the State Department has agreed to consider the possibility.

The 20½-acre Cleveland Park estate of the late Ambassador Joseph E. Davies was offered to the State Department yesterday by the Davies heirs. Their asking price is \$3.5 million or an equivalent slice of the Mt. Alto Veterans Hospital property on Wisconsin Avenue.

Juli Vorontsov, counselor of the Soviet Embassy, confirmed

today that the Russians had expressed a preference for Tregaron last September when they first learned it was available. They had agreed to the 13-acre Mt. Alto site because it was the only one offered to them by the State Department, he said.

Reports Required

A department spokesman said the Tregaron offer will be studied in consultation with the General Services Administration, other interested Government agencies, and members of Congress before any decision is reached.

All the discussions about relocating the Soviet Embassy are in the preliminary stages, the spokesman said. However, he said the Russians have been offered a longterm lease on the Mt. Alto site.

Vorontsov said the whole thing depends on the outcome of a study now being made by an American team in Moscow of property offered by the Soviet Government as the site for a new United States Embassy.

The Moscow site proposed by the Russians is about 200 yards from the U.S. Embassy, Vorontsov said.

Downtown Location

It is a downtown location close to the Foreign Ministry. At present the property, comprising two or three city blocks, is occupied by old, small buildings that are to be demolished anyway as part of the Soviet capital's redevelopment.

Vorontsov said the Moscow property offered is almost equal in size to the 13-acre Mt. Alto property. He said there is no site comparable to the Tregaron estate in Moscow, which is far more densely built up than